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Arizona City Women Dies In Fatal Collision **Casa Grande Man Booked for Manslaughter**

Arizona Department of Public Safety Officers are investigating a collision that occurred on Interstate 10 near mile post 192, south of Casa Grande. Ms. Romona Gregorio, the driver of a red Ford pickup truck, was heading eastbound on I-10 when she noticed another truck next to her, drift into her lane. Romona Gregorio, took evasive action and moved right, off the roadway and stopped on the soft dirt shoulder. DPS Officers arrived to assist Romona Gregorio and helped her get her vehicle back onto the highway. Seconds after driving away, Romona Gregorio was hit from behind by a Ford pickup truck being driven by Jeffery Morton, age 54 from Casa Grande. The collision caused Romona Gregorio to lose control of her vehicle, which moved right, off the roadway and onto the shoulder. Her vehicle rolled several times and she was ejected. Romona Gregorio, an Arizona City resident, died at the scene, she was 47 years old.

Alcohol may have played a factor in this collision and Jeffery Morton was booked into the Pinal County Jail on one count of Manslaughter.

The Collision happened at about 1:30 a.m. p.m. on May 4, 2007 and required officers to restrict the eastbound right lane for several hours.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.